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REMARKS

Formalities

With this Amendment, Applicants amend Claims 1, 5, 7, and 17 and cancel Claims 12 and 13. Therefore, Claims 1-5, 7-11, and 13-17 are currently pending in the present Application.

Allowable Subject Matter

In the current Office Action, the Examiner indicates that Claims 5 and 13 contain allowable subject matter and would be allowed if rewritten into independent form including the limitations of the claims from which they depend.

With this Amendment, Applicants amend Claim 5 into independent form including the limitations of Claims 1, 2, and 3, from which Claim 5 previously depended. Applicants also amend independent Claims 1 and 7 to include the limitations of Claim 13. Claims 12 and 13 are cancelled.

Objections

Claim 17 stands objected to due to informalities. Specifically, the Examiner notes that the phrase "the second fly-eye lens array" does not have proper antecedent basis. Claim 17 currently depends from Claim 1. However, the second fly-eye lens array to which Claim 17 refers does not appear until Claim 16. Therefore, Applicants amend Claim 17 to depend from Claim 16.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the objection to Claim 17 be reconsidered and withdrawn.

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Claim Rejections

Claims 1-4, 7, 12, 14, and 15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Nishimae et al., U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0202259 ("Nishimae"), in view of Lambert, U.S. Patent No. 6,288,815 ("Lambert"). Claims 8-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Nishimae, in view of Lambert and Ouchi et al., U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0169376 ("Ouchi"). Claims 16 and 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Nishimae, in view of Lambert and Bierhuizen et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,839,095 ("Bierhuizen").

As noted above, with this Amendment, Applicants amend independent Claims 1 and 7 to include the limitations of Claim 13, which the Examiner has indicated are patentable. Therefore, Applicants submit that Claims 1 and 7 are patentable and that Claims 2-4, 8-11 and 14-17 are patentable at least by virtue of their dependence on Claim 1. Applicants respectfully request that the rejections of these claims be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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